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(1) ① ERIK HEINE
INTERNAL SECURITY - ESTONIA

Tammark
himself is an
RIS suspect

On September 19, 1963 Olaf Tammak, Conant Street, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, advised that he is a native of Estonia and a naturalized American citizen.

Mr. Tammak said he is a personal friend and long time associate of Erik Heine, who was his house guest for about one week in the spring of 1963. He said that Heine visited him incidental to his lecture engagements in Chicago, Illinois and Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. Tammak also said he attended Heine's lecture and his showing of the film "Creators of Legend" in Chicago. He commented that he considers both the film and Mr. Heine's lecture completely accurate. He described Mr. Heine's objective as a desire to maintain among refugees from Estonia, consciousness of the continuing Communist domination of their home country and to renew their interest in the ultimate reestablishment of Estonia as an independent sovereign country. Mr. Tammak said he was certain that Mr. Heine is a sincere and dedicated anti-Communist.

With reference to Mr. Heine's background, Mr. Tammak related that he and Mr. Heine attended Gymnasium together in Estonia. Thereafter they served together in the Estonia Legion, which Mr. Tammak explained was an Estonian military organization of the World War II era under German command, the use of which was restricted by treaty to action against the Soviet Union. In 1944, he stated, he and Heine served together in the "Forest Brothers" a military group which fought the Soviets in the woods. In due course they were taken prisoner by the Soviets and were treated as German prisoners of war. He said they were entitled to status as Germans because they qualified as such under the terms of an agreement negotiated between the Soviet

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KERIK HEINE

Union and East Germany in 1953, shortly after the death of Joseph Stalin.

Mr. Tammark said he is also familiar with Mr. Heine's account of his imprisonment by the Soviets and subsequent release and that on the basis of his own experience as a prisoner of the Soviets, he considers Mr. Heine's account both credible and accurate. He said Heine was released by the Soviets pursuant to the 1953 Soviet-East German accord in 1955 or 1956.

Mr. Tammark said Mr. Heine's experiences as a prisoner of war of the Soviets are the subject of a book written by Mr. Heine's brother-in-law. He identified this book as "Vaim Ja Ahelad" by Arved Viirlaid, which was published in the Estonian language by Eesti Kirjanike Kooperatiiv, Lund, 3, Sweden. Mr. Tammark said he has read this book and does not question its accuracy.